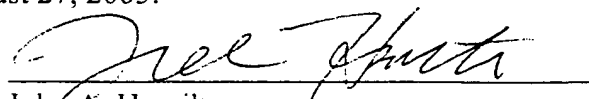


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REPLY (A) TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This reply/amendment is being provided in response to the Office Action dated 21 February 2003 for the above-captioned U.S. patent application. Enclosed herewith is a petition and associated fee for a three-month extension for replying to the Office Action. No other fees are believed necessary for consideration of this reply/amendment, however, in the event that additional fees are required for consideration of this paper, such fees are authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 03-2410, order 6079-104.

Claims 1-13 and 17-22 are currently pending in the application. Non-elected claims 14-16 have been withdrawn without prejudice to the Applicants' ability to pursue the claims

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separately. Through amendments and the Remarks that follow, the rejections of claims 1-13 and 17-22 are addressed.

Amendments to claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on **page 3**.

Remarks begin on **page 7**.

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